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**Request for Permission for Temporary Access Over Private
Lots for Geology Testing,
Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project**

Dear Ms. Summers:

As you know, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) submitted a coastal development permit application to the City of Malibu for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project. We are writing this letter to request temporary access from several private property owners over several private lots so the drill rig (or similar type of equipment) can reach the proposed geotechnical boring locations. We are also requesting temporary access from Malibu Encinal Homeowners Association (MEHOA) to take a boring in the MEHOA-owned parcel (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 4470-021-009), over which MRCA has an easement. (See attached figures.) If you are not the correct MEHOA contact, we would appreciate if you forward this letter to the appropriate person and let us know who we need to contact.

Two borings would be taken in the locations shown on the attached map. One boring location is at the base of the existing West Sea Level Drive stairs on MRCA-owned land. The other proposed boring location, for which we are requesting permission, is at the proposed location of the viewing platform, south of Lot 84 and East Sea Level Drive, north of Lot 140, within the East Sea Level Drive-Lot A (APN 4470-021-009, owned by MEHOA). MRCA has an easement on this MEHOA-owned parcel. This is sand and near/in the rip-rap seawall for East Sea Level Drive. A drill rig with wheels or track or balloon tires would be used to drill the holes with an auger. The hole would be filled up when finished. It is estimated that this work would take one day.

We are exploring access over MRCA-owned land at the beach (western) terminus of East Sea Level Drive. However, there are physical constraints to this access and it would likely be less environmentally damaging to bring the equipment across several private lots on a flatter portion over some of the more easterly lots.

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The following describes our proposed route for the drill rig that would cross several private properties. The drill rig would travel westerly along paved East Sea Level Drive, then it would travel southerly (towards the ocean) and cross private lot(s) to reach the beach south of East Sea Level Drive, somewhere over Lots 131-136 (see figures attached). This would require that the drill rig drive over some landscaping and we would try to minimize any damage to existing landscaping. This entire area would not be needed over Lots 131-136, but rather only one pathway would be needed for the drill rig or similar equipment from East Sea Level Drive to the sand. Then the equipment would travel westerly along the beach sand over the sandy portion of Lots 136-139 (and perhaps some portion of the sandy portions of Lots 131-135, depending on which final access is chosen from East Sea Level Drive to the beach). It would then travel to the MEHOA-owned APN 4470-021-009 (just north of Lot 140) to take one boring. It is possible that the drill rig would not need to cross the MRCA-owned Lot 140. The drill rig would then travel westerly to the location of the second boring location, on MRCA-owned Lot 155. The drill rig would return the same way.

Please let us know if we need to contact someone else in MEHOA and how we may proceed with this request. We would appreciate a written response in a timely manner. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss further, Judi Tamasi of our staff can be reached by phone at (310) 589-3230, ext. 121, or at judi.tamasi@mrca.ca.gov, or I can be reached at the same phone number, ext. 128. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Edelman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Edelman
Chief of Natural Resources